

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the title of invention with the following amendment title:

A SET, COMPRISING A PLURALITY OF NEEDLES HAVING AN ANGULAR FRONT TIP

On page 1, please insert the following section heading after line 1:

FIELD

On page 1, please insert the following section heading after line 8:

BACKGROUND

On page 1, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 17, with the following paragraph:

It is known that needles for sets of this type are ~~either~~ may be produced on the basis of a wire, which is formed using stamping, whereby a considerable level of a wire, which is formed using stamping, whereby a considerable level of deformation work is involved. On the other hand, it is also known that needles are produced on the basis of a metal sheet using punching, whereby the deformation work is reduced.

On page 2, please add the following section heading before line 1:

SUMMARY

On page 2, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 17, with the following paragraph:

This object is attained by the following means:

- ~~The~~ the needles are produced by punching.

- ~~At~~at least the front end of the tip section is angular or previously bent, and
- ~~The~~the needle density is ≥ 33 needles per cm.

On page 2, please add the following section heading after line 24:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

On page 3, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 1, with the following paragraph:

Fig. 1 shows a set for a textile combining machine, viewed from the direction of engagement or stress according to the prior art;

Fig. 2 shows a view which corresponds to Fig. 1 of a set according to the invention;

Fig. 3 shows a view which is displaced by 90° in relation to the view in Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 shows a side view which is displaced by 90° in relation to the view in Fig.

1;

Fig. 5 shows a cross-section along the line A-A in Fig. 3; and

Fig. 6 shows a cross-section along the line B-B in Fig. 4.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

On page 3, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 1, with the following paragraph:

The tips 7 of the needles 1 according to the invention comprise a flank 8 which protrudes in the direction of stress (arrow PB) or in the direction of engagement relative to the fibre band to be combed at an angle α . Needles of this type with a protruding linear or sickle-shaped impact flank are already known for combing cotton, e.g. from DE 19 95 126 A1.